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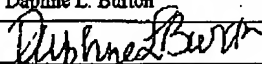
<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p align="center"><small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</small></p>	Application Number	10/648,012
	Filing Date	August 26, 2003
	First Named Inventor	C. Earl Woolfork
	Group Art Unit	2644
	Examiner Name	A. Graham
	Attorney Docket Number	73785-013


This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14863 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
 - ☐ Previously submitted
 - ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on:
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other
 - ☒ Enclosed
 - ☒ Amendment/Reply as filed on March 13, 2006 (previously submitted on February 16, 2005)
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other
- Miscellaneous
 - ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1.03(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - ☐ Other
- Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1946
 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$395.00
 - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - ☐ Other
 - ☐ Check in the amount of \$____ enclosed
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Signature		Date	March 14, 2006

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